



# THE EUROPEAN UMBRELLA ORGANISATION FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

## **Introduction**

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# Presentation

## ⌘ Describes

- ☑ What EUROGI is

- ☑ What EUROGI does incl. GINIE-project



# What EUROGI is Members

- ☒ Founded in 1993 on initiative of EC
- ☒ Membership of EUROGI has grown by 50 % to 24
- ☒ Members National GI associations from EU, accession-countries, EFTA, Pan European organisations
- ☒ Collectively EUROGI represents more than 6000 public and private sector organisations



# What EUROGI is Status

- ⌘ Independent non governmental organisation
- ⌘ Foundation (Stichting) under Dutch law
- ⌘ members meet at least once a year to discuss strategy and workplan, briefings on EU and other developments, approve accounts; Bas Kok for Ravi
- ⌘ Elect President (Jean Poulit) and max. 9 person Executive Committee to manage its affairs
- ⌘ Activities serviced by secretariat currently based in Apeldoorn, NL



# What EUROGI does

## Mission

### ⌘ EUROGI's mission is

- ☑ To maximise the effective use of geographic information for the benefit of the citizen, good governance and commerce in Europe
- ☑ To represent the views of the geographic information community
- ☑ To promote, stimulate, encourage and support the development and use of geographic information and technology



# Objectives and Actions (1)

1. To encourage the greater use of geographic information in Europe
  - ☒ *EUROGI participation in GI projects*
  - ☒ *EC GI&GIS conferences*
  - ☒ *On demand of the members EUROGI will give special attention to events*
2. To raise awareness of the value of GI and its associated technologies
  - ☒ *EUROGI case study service*
  - ☒ *Cross-border activities*



## Objectives and Actions (2)

3. To work towards the development of strong national GI associations in all European countries
  - ☒ *evaluation of national GI associations updated in GINIE by Anton Wolfkamp*
  - ☒ *In GINIE WS*
4. To facilitate the development of a European Spatial Data Infrastructure
  - ☒ *Towards a strategy for GI in Europe Geographic Information Network In Europe (GINIE)*



## Objectives and Actions (3)

5. To represent European interests in the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure

☒ *6th Global Spatial Data Infrastructure conference held in Budapest September 2002*

☒ *7th GSDI conference in Bangalore, India*



# Focus

## ROLES

- Raiser of awareness of GI and promoter
- Opinion former/Facilitator/Political interface/Lobbyist
- networker/coordinator/informer
- Cooperator with other Pan European Organisations



# Focus

## ☒ **ACTIVITIES**

- Inform (a.o. website, reports, newsletter 2nd half 2003), knowledge transfer
- involve members
- develop professional lobbying strategies
- influence GI decision makers
- involvement within case studies and networking
- facilitate/co-operate further development PEAFF



⌘ **GINIE = GI NETWORK IN EUROPE**

⌘ **EC funded project in IST Programme**

⌘ **Partners:**

☒ **University of Sheffield, Project Co-ordinator**

☒ **EUROGI**

☒ **Joint Research Center of the European Commission (JRC)**

☒ **Open GIS Consortium (Europe), Ltd. (OGC-E)**



# GINIE

## **GINIE**

- is a project with a finite life
- embraces all of continental Europe
- deals with all sectors of the society



# Part 1: GINIE overview Basis

- ⌘ Basis: EUROGI consultation paper: Towards a GI strategy for Europe, October 2000
- ⌘ Funded timeframe: 1st November 2001 to the end 2003
- ⌘ Aim: Develop a cohesive Geographic Information Strategy at the European level
- ⌘ Members very much involved e.g. in WS
- ⌘ GINIE and INSPIRE complement and support each other



# Part 1: GINIE overview

## Key activities

- ⌘ Develop a sound knowledge base through the comparative policy analysis of frameworks for access, use, and dissemination of GI
- ⌘ Raise awareness and capacity building which includes targeted actions for policy-makers at national and European levels
- ⌘ Strategic input to INSPIRE and contributing to the international debate at the GSDI-6 Conference (Budapest, Sept. 2002)



# Part 1: GINIE overview Workshops

- ⌘ All six workshops completed
  - Spatial Data Infrastructure (Ispra, Italy, May 2002)
  - Data Policy (Paris, May 2002)
  - Capacity building in Accession period (Prague, Sept 2002)
  - Registries (Munich January 2003)
  - Local to Global (Rome March 2003)
  - Mediterranean (Greece- Crete, April 2003)
- ⌘ 120+ Experts from 32 countries have participated
- ⌘ Most reports finished and on web: [www.ec-gis.org/ginie](http://www.ec-gis.org/ginie)



# Part 1: GINIE overview

## Some other reports

- ⌘ A comparative analysis of NSDI's in Australia, Canada and USA (finished)
- ⌘ Survey and analysis of national GI-associations in Europe (both finished)
- ⌘ Survey key GI players in Europe (due end August)
- ⌘ Survey and analysis Pan European GI organisations (due end August)



## Part 2: Common threads from all the GINIE workshops (1)

- the role and involvement of politicians which must be sustainable over time
- the role of Government(s) at all levels in enabling and setting the framework for the SDI's, bringing about a cultural change
- co-ordination to establish the SDI



## Part 2: Common threads from all the GINIE workshops (2)

- pragmatic approach to be adopted with regard to the implementation and development of the SDI
- involve both the public and private sectors in the SDI
- support and involve all the players within the value chain



## Part 2: Common threads from all the GINIE workshops (3)

- transparency, level playing fields, and the protection of the citizens privacy
- build upon eGovernment initiatives
- learn from other sectors
- at all times keep in mind the Customer



# Part 3: GINIE ABGI

- ⌘ An objective of GINIE is to establish a fully functioning Advisory Board on Geographic Information (ABGI)
- ⌘ Representatives of
  - ☑ governments
  - ☑ industry
  - ☑ research
- ⌘ Consultation paper October 2002



# Part 3: GINIE ABGI

⌘ Proposed ABGI mission is:

“To provide the strategic vision and leadership necessary to maximize the use of GI by all sectors of society for the purposes of good governance, commerce, research and citizenship”.



# Part 3: GINIE ABGI

In general: **no** to another GI forum, **yes** to first improve co-ordination

## EUROGI's opinion:

- ⌘ Need for improved **co-ordination** of pan European organisations in GI in order to strengthen the voice for GI at European level.
- ⌘ **independent** organisation to improve the co-ordination
- ⌘ Best achieved through an **existing** organisation.



# GINIE

## Results published

- ⌘ Over 80 presentations
- ⌘ On paper and on website
- ⌘ See [www.ec-gis.org/ginie](http://www.ec-gis.org/ginie)
- ⌘ reports in English and up to ten other languages
- ⌘ Final conference at end of project in Brussels, 13 and 14 November 2003



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